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Report of the 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 11 November 2004.

3. The Conference was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Albania, Algeria, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Croatia, Djibouti, Estonia, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. The Observer Mission of the Holy See was also represented.

5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the World Food Programme.

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C. Election of officers

6. At its meeting on 11 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President:

Mr. Eduardo Sevilla Somoza (Nicaragua)

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. Ilir Melo (Albania)
Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia)
Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan)

D. Documentation

7. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2002 (A/59/84-E/2004/53);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.208/1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2004 (A/CONF.208/2);

(d) Draft report of the 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (A/CONF.208/2004/L.1);

(e) Background information on programmes and funds for the 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

E. Announcement of pledges

8. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.